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From: AMEMBASSY CARACAS (CARACAS 1525 - ROUTINE)

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CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR CHARLES S. SHAPIRO, FOR REASONS 1.5(B) AND (D).

1. (U) Summary. On May 16, Ambassador called on Ivan Rincon, President of the Supreme Tribunal of Justice (TSJ). Rincon initiated discussion on political topics in addition to court business. At several points, Ambassador reiterated that the US wants a peaceful solution to the Venezuelan political crisis, that national reconciliation is important, and that real dialogue - not two monologues - is vital. Ambassador stressed that the US opposes unconstitutional changes in the GOV. End summary.

2. Rincon made the following points:

- (U) He is delighted with the USAID training programs for judges, and hopes that another 130 judges can participate. He believes that there has been an immediate effect in terms of unifying judicial criteria in procedures and sentencing, thus enhancing judicial transparency.

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- (U) He claimed that the National Assembly's Truth Commission is not a credible body and that it was the proper authority of the TSJ to supervise the inquiry, which should be carried out by "international observers."

- (U) He maintained the independence of the TSJ and pointed to recent decisions against President Chavez's brother and father. (Comment: These were not significant decisions. End comment.)

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